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Method and Apparatus for Use of Associated

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

This preliminary amendment is being filed in connection with a new, continuation application claiming priority from copending U.S. Application No. 08/174,361. Please enter the following amendments prior to examination:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the entire first paragraph on page 1, lines 1-5, and insert in its place This now U.S. fat No. 5,860,136 application is a continuation of U.S. application no. 08/174,361, filed December 28, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 07/952,988, filed on September 29, 1992, now U.S. patent no. 5,490,258, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 07/737,147, filed July 29, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 07/737,147, filed July 29, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 07/367,012, now U.S. patent no. 5,095,480.--

Please replace "FIGURE 8" with -- FIGURE 7 -- at page 19, line 11.

Please replace "FIGURE 9" with -- FIGURE 8 -- at page 19 line 14.

Please replace "FIGURE 10" with -- FIGURE 9 -- at page 19, line 19.

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